

Even as we note the high levels of mobility and security that we enjoy today, we also recognize the need for continuing investments and improvements in American transportation. Efforts to strengthen our transportation infrastructure will create jobs and economic growth while enhancing the safety and efficiency of our roads, air routes, public transit systems, and waterways. This is the mandate set forth by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, which I signed into law last year, and our commitment to its goals and to other objectives of our National Transportation Policy will help move us toward a bright future.

In recognition of the importance of transportation and of the millions of Americans who work to meet our transportation needs, the Congress, by joint resolution approved May 16, 1957 (36 U.S.C. 160), has requested that the third Friday in May of each year be designated as "National Defense Transportation Day" and, by joint resolution approved May 14, 1962 (36 U.S.C. 166), that the week in which that Friday falls be proclaimed "National Transportation Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 15, 1992, as National Defense Transportation Day and the week of May 10 through May 16, 1992, as National Transportation Week. I urge all Americans to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities that will give due recognition to the individuals and organizations that build, operate, safeguard, and maintain our transportation system. I ask that special recognition be extended to the men and women of the United States Department of Transportation, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6435 of May 12, 1992

Small Business Week, 1992

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Small business men and women accomplish great things for our communities and country, and each year it is our privilege as Americans to join in saluting these present-day pioneers.

Through their willingness to take risks and to do the hard work that is necessary to improve existing products and services or to design, develop, and market new ones, small business people are leading America's economic productivity and innovation. Indeed, small business is the lifeblood of our Nation's free enterprise system. This resilient sector generates two of every three jobs in the United States and has been cited by forecasters as the driving force behind the more than 850,000 new jobs that were created in 1991. In addition, small businesses employ more than half of the American work force—often providing that

crucial first job to young people and other disadvantaged workers—while generating some 44 percent of all sales and 39 percent of our GNP. Today, as we look toward the vast frontier that is the 21st century, we know that small business men and women will continue to play a vital role in moving the United States forward to even greater heights of prosperity and progress.

In the future, the success of American small business will have increasing impact around the globe. Indeed, as they strive to overcome impoverishment and stagnation imposed by years of totalitarian rule, more and more of the world's emerging democracies are looking to the United States as a model of private initiative and market principles in action. Hence, it is important that we continue to promote a climate in which small businesses can thrive. This means alleviating the high cost of capital and the heavy burden of excessive government regulation, which stifle investment and creativity. Encouraging the success of small business will also require a continuing commitment to excellence in education, which is vital to producing workers who have the knowledge and skills that are necessary to excel in the increasingly competitive global marketplace. Today, it is gratifying to note that many small businesses have joined in support of AMERICA 2000, our comprehensive strategy to achieve our National Education Goals.

From their daily contributions toward our local and national economies to their generous participation in voluntary community service programs and other worthwhile endeavors, small business men and women are helping to build a better America for all of us. Thus, these enterprising individuals richly deserve our support and thanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 10 through May 16 as Small Business Week. I urge all Americans to join me in saluting our Nation's small business men and women by observing this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6436 of May 15, 1992

Bicentennial of the New York Stock Exchange, 1992

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

When 24 New York merchants and brokers gathered on May 17, 1792, to establish rules of conduct for the exchange of securities and to buy and sell orders for those who wanted to trade, they laid the foundation for what is now one of the largest stock exchanges in the world. Today the New York Stock Exchange handles, on average, more than 200 million shares daily and plays a major role in the unique self-regulatory system that aids in the enforcement of the Nation's securities laws. At